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## **Port Huron jobs saved thanks to Gilbert's bill**

**LANSING** – Approximately 100 jobs in Port Huron have been saved thanks to a new public act signed into law today, said Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac.

Gilbert sponsored Senate Bill 579, now Public Act 22 of 2006, to allow Pro-Weld, a manufacturing company, to remain in Port Huron and meet the criteria to be in an industrial development district.

“This is a great day for the employees of Pro-Weld and the entire city of Port Huron,” Gilbert said. “We have assured the company it is an integral part of the local economy and made it clear to local residents that we will do everything necessary to keep jobs here.”

PA 22 allows for the implementation of a tax abatement for Pro-Weld. It permits Pro-Weld to receive its promised tax abatement despite initially being located outside an industrial zone in the city of Port Huron.

“It has been a pleasure working with Senator Gilbert on this issue and I commend him for his hard work getting this legislation passed and signed in a timely fashion,” said Scott Light, president of Pro-Weld. “We are excited to get our intended tax breaks so we can keep doing business in Port Huron.”

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